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This describes a mounting of the fitting 34 to the vehicle undercarriage where the transmission is located. The fitting itself does not mount a shifter lever or rod used by the operator to shift the transmission.

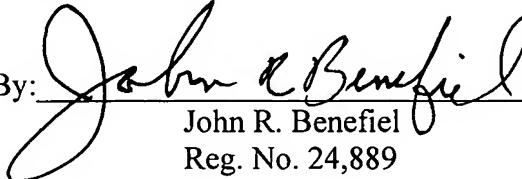
The term "shifter housing" or "shift housing" is well known and used in the art in the sense used in claims 1 and 16 to define a housing located in the passenger compartment. See U.S. patent no. 4,581,951 which uses this term.

See copies of various Google website hits selected at random, showing that this is a term widely used in the art to mean a housing mounted on the floor in the passenger compartment of an automotive vehicle mounting a shifter rod or lever used by the operator to change gears. There are many more examples of hits on Google.

So interpreted, it is unreasonable to so broadly interpret the term "shifter housing" to be as readable on the fitting 34 of Koenig et al. who does not remotely suggest this claimed concept of a cable connector components formed as a part of the shifter housing.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

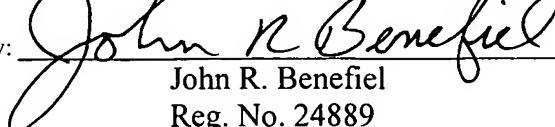
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